

STATE OF MONTANA
FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

1969-70 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - PACIFIC FLYWAY

The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher and Park Counties, and all counties lying west of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the State of Montana within the Pacific Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below:

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1969, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to December 28, 1969.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 5 ducks, and, after opening day, a possession limit of 10 ducks. The daily bag and possession may not include more than 2 canvasback.

Coots: The daily bag and possession limit shall be 25 coots.

Mergansers: In addition to the bag limit on other ducks, the daily limit of American, red-breasted, and hooded mergansers will be a daily aggregate limit of 5 and possession limit of 10. In the daily limit, no more than 1 hooded merganser may be included, and no more than 2 hooded mergansers may be included in the possession limit.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1969 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to December 28, 1969.

Exception: In Teton County goose hunting will begin one-half hour before sunrise and stop at noon each day.

Exception: The following described area shall close to all goose hunting on 48 hours notice: Beginning at Ravalli, thence north along U.S. Highway 93 to Polson and Elmo, thence west on State Highway 28 to its intersection with State Highway 382 near Hot Springs and south along said highway to Perma, thence east along U.S. Highway 10 to Ravalli, the point of beginning.

Daily and Possession Limit: The daily and possession limit shall be 6 geese. No more than 2 Canada geese or their subspecies, and no more than 1 Ross' goose will be allowed in the daily or possession limit.

Exception: Special Seasonal Goose Limit. West of the Continental Divide, the daily and possession limit on geese shall be in conformance with the 1969 Pacific Flyway waterfowl regulations. In addition, there shall be a seasonal limit of six (6) Canada geese per hunter. No one hunter may kill more than six (6) Canada geese west of the Continental Divide during this season. When inspected by a State Game Warden or other Fish and Game representative, successful goose hunters' licenses shall be punched once for each Canada goose taken.

WILSON'S SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1969, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to November 22, 1969.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Wilson's Snipe and after opening day a possession limit of 10 Wilson's Snipe.

Waterfowl Closures: Beaverhead, Gallatin and Madison Counties are closed to hunting of snow, blue or Ross' geese. A portion of Freezout Lake Waterfowl Development Area in Teton County and an ACM settling pond near Warm Springs will be closed as posted to all waterfowl hunting. The southern half of Lake Helena in Lewis and Clark County and a portion of Fresno Reservoir in Hill County will be closed to the hunting of all waterfowl as posted. The Osterbauer Reservoir in Hill County, Pishkun Reservoir in Teton County and Willow Cr. Reservoir in Lewis and Clark County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting.

Means of Taking: Migratory waterfowl may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, aid or use of a sink-box (battery) motor-driven conveyance, motor vehicle or aircraft of any kind. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl calling device is illegal.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 Resident Bird License and Conservation License, or Class B-1 \$25.00 Nonresident Bird License and Conservation License, or a Class B-2 \$151.00 Nonresident Big Game License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess a stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

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1969-70 MONTANA MIGRATORY WATERFOWL REGULATIONS - CENTRAL FLYWAY

The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater and Carbon Counties and all counties lying east of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the State of Montana within the Central Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory waterfowl under the regulations listed below:

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1969, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to November 5, 1969.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 4 ducks, and, after opening day, a possession limit of 8 ducks. The daily limit may not include more than 2 wood ducks, more than 2 mallards, or more than 1 canvasback, or 1 redhead. The possession limit may not include more than 4 wood ducks, more than 4 mallards, or more than 1 canvasback or 1 redhead.

Coots: The daily limit on coots is 10 and the possession limit is 20.

Mergansers: In addition to the bag limit on other ducks, the daily limit on American, red-breasted, and hooded mergansers will be a daily aggregate limit of 5 and possession limit of 10. In the daily limit no more than 1 hooded merganser may be included, and no more than 2 hooded mergansers may be included in the possession limit.

SPECIAL DRAKE MALLARD SEASON

Open Season: Sunrise December 13, 1969 to sunset and daily thereafter from sunrise to sunset each day to January 4, 1970.

Daily & Possession Limit: The daily bag limit is from 1 to 4 ducks, coots and mergansers in the aggregate and a specific daily bag limit depending upon the sexes and species taken as determined by the following point system: Mallard Drakes count 10 points each and mallard hens and all other species including coots and mergansers count as 40 points each. The limit will be reached when the point value for the duck, coot or merganser last taken during the day when added to the sum of the point values for ducks, coots and mergansers already taken during that day, reaches or exceeds 40 points. The possession limit shall consist of 2 legal daily bag limits.

SPECIAL TEAL SEASON

Open Season: Sunrise, September 13, 1969 to sunset and daily thereafter from sunrise to sunset each day to September 21, 1969.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 4 teal and after opening day, a possession limit of 8 teal. Blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal may be possessed singly or in aggregate of these species.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 4, 1969 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day to December 28, 1969.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 geese.

Waterfowl Closures: Fish and Game Management Area #8 near Nelson Reservoir at Malta will remain closed to all waterfowl hunting. Other closures include: McLaren Reservoir Waterfowl Closure in Blaine County, North Chinook Reservoir in Blaine County, Yellowstone River Closed Area in Rosebud and Treasure Counties and Paulson Reservoir in Blaine County. (Yellowstone River closure pending.)

Means of Taking: Migratory waterfowl may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox (battery) motor-driven conveyance, motor vehicle or aircraft of any kind. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl calling device is illegal.

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